As part of a regional effort to reduce vulnerability to natural disasters, Moore County is requesting public feedback on natural disaster risk and preparedness. This feedback will assist the efforts of Chatham, Harnett, Lee, Johnston, and Moore Counties to combine respective local natural hazard mitigation plans into one regional plan. A mitigation plan identifies and assesses a community's natural hazard risks, and determines how to best minimize or manage those risks.

A brief survey provides the public an opportunity to share opinions and participate in the regional planning process. Responses will help the planning team to better understand the region's hazard concerns, which can lead to mitigation activities and help reduce the impact of future hazard events.

By maintaining a Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan, Moore County is eligible for FEMA's <u>Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA)</u> grants, which provide funds for eligible mitigation activities that reduce disaster losses and protect life and property from future disaster damages. HMA provides funding opportunities for mitigation activities both before and after a disaster, as well as long-term hazard mitigation measures after a Presidential Disaster Declaration.

Residents of Chatham, Harnett, Lee, Johnston, and Moore Counties and their respective municipalities are invited to participate in this survey at:

http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1503137/Public-Participation-Survey-for-Hazard-Mitigation-Planning-Cape-Fear

Please help us by completing this survey, and thank you!

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about disaster preparedness and mitigation, please contact Moore County Public Safety at (910) 947-6317.